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ABSTRACT

This book offers useful, prescriptive advice on how to enter different field settings for interviewing and observation. The chapters of part 1, "Stages of Access," are: (1) "Finding Informants"; (2) "Human Subjects and Permission To Contact Informants"; (3) "Making Initial Contact"; (4) "Developing a Rapport"; and (5) "Exiting: Ending the Relationship." Part 2, "Gaining Access: The Inside Stories," contains chapters 6 through 10, each of which contains case studies that illustrate qualitative research. Chapter 6, "Gaining Access to Individuals," contains: (1) "Maintaining Access" (Amaney Jamal and Ann Chih Lin); (2) "Chinese Officials as Ordinary Respondents" (Melanie Manion); (3) "Dealing with Difficult Gatekeepers, Vulnerable Populations, and 'Hooks' That Go Awry" (Michele Tracy Berger); and (4) "Courting Minorities in Postwar Bosnia" (Paula M. Pickering). Chapter 7, "Gaining Access for Interviewing," contains: (1) "Accessing Business, Government, and Nongovernmental Organization Actors in Mexico and Brazil" (Ronie Garcia-Johnson); (2) "Rendering unto Caesar: Gaining Access to Local Religious Leaders" (Ted G. Jelen); (3) "Breaking into the Bank: The Challenge of Gaining Meaningful Access to the World Bank" (Michelle Miller-Adams and Charles T. Myers); and (4) "Help from Unexpected Places: Access and Assistance from within an Organization" (Amy Wrzesniewski, Jane E. Dutton, and Gelaye Debere). Chapter 8, "Gaining Access for Interviewing and Observation," contains: (1) "Going to Prison" (Ann Chih Lin); (2) "How I Got Them To Talk to Me: The Importance of Persistence, Personality, and Identity" (Marijata Daniel-Echols); and (3) "Accessing Multiple Human Service Organizations for Field-Based Research" (Jodi Sandfort). Chapter 9, "Gaining Access for Extended Observation," contains: (1) "Studying Work Groups in India, China, and Hungary" (Leslie A. Perlow); (2) "Accessing Architects in the Auto Industry" (Brian Schermer); (3) "Access into Rivera: Entering and Exiting an Urban High School" (Ernestine K. Enomoto); and (4) "Crossing That Yellow Line: Obtaining Access to the Police Departments" (Jeannine Bell). Chapter 10, "Gaining Access for Participation," contains: (1) "Perseverance Furthers" (Joann M. Brooks); (2) "Inside the Department of Energy" (Martha S. Feldman); (3) "Access as Relating: On the Relationship Aspects of Different

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Types of Access" (Michael G. Pratt); and (4) "Access and Participation in a Government Agency" (Clare Ginger). (Contains 115 references.) (SLD)

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